

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Record Dates

Many sections of the Bylaws require persons to be members of the Association as of a record date in order to participate in the affairs of the Association. This policy describes the process for setting and announcing a record date.

At its regular meeting required by Article V, section (7) of the Bylaws, the Council will set five record dates for the following calendar year at intervals of approximately 70 days; one of these dates must be no more than 70 days prior to the date selected for the Annual Business Meeting in that year.

If accommodating the date of the Annual Business Meeting creates a gap of more than three days between the periods following any two record dates, the Council will set an additional record date which assures that there is no interval during the year that is more than three days from an established record date period. If any action which requires reference to a record date is initiated during an interval more than 70 days after and three or more days before the next record date, that action will be considered to have been received as of the succeeding record date.

The Council will cause the schedule of record dates for the following year to be published on the Association's website before December 31st of the current year.

For 2026 the established record dates will be:

February 2, 2026

April 13, 2026

June 25, 2026

August 31, 2026

November 9, 2026